

Bible Study Guide: Galatians 1:6-7

Theme: There Is Only One Gospel

Scripture

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-7)

Background

The Apostle Paul wrote the letter to the Galatians to address a serious problem in the churches of Galatia. False teachers were telling believers that faith in Jesus was not enough for salvation and that they also needed to follow certain Jewish laws. Paul strongly opposed this teaching because it distorted the true gospel of God's grace.

Key Truths

1. The Gospel Is God's Message of Grace

Paul reminds the Galatians that God called them through His grace. Salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned through human effort.

Key Thought: We are saved by what Christ has done, not by what we do.

2. False Teaching Can Lead Believers Astray

The Galatians were "quickly deserting" the truth. Even sincere believers can be influenced by teachings that sound spiritual but contradict God's Word.

Key Thought: Every teaching must be tested against Scripture.

3. There Is Only One True Gospel

Paul makes it clear that there is no alternative gospel. Any message that adds to or subtracts from the finished work of Christ is not the gospel.

Key Thought: Jesus Christ alone is sufficient for salvation.

Reflection Questions

1. What does God's grace mean to you personally?
2. Why do you think people are often attracted to distorted versions of the gospel?
3. What are some modern teachings that can distract believers from the truth of Christ?
4. How can you remain grounded in the true gospel?

5. What does it mean to trust completely in Christ's finished work?

Application

This week, take time to examine what you believe about salvation. Ask yourself whether you are relying on God's grace or your own efforts. Read Galatians 1 daily and pray for discernment to recognize truth and reject teachings that distort the gospel.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Help me to remain faithful to the true gospel and not be led astray by false teachings. Give me wisdom to discern truth and courage to stand firm in Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.